

services in which Mr. Jones has a tremendous financial interest favorably by deregulating rates, among other things. The clincher is Mr. GINGRICH opposed an amendment in being soft on pornography on the cable channels. Do you know that? Mr. Jones, 40 percent of his gross is involved with the pornography channel.

The American people did not vote last November for this kind of change.

BLAME GAME IS OVER

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Government has not balanced its books since 1969. Since then, we have had 26 years of excuses, 26 years of Washington gimmicks, and 26 years of righteous indignation about balancing the budget.

Well, the blame game is over.

Congress has reached the end of the excuses. Our balance budget lays aside the gimmicks and the shell games. We can no longer ignore the impact of deficit spending on our children. It would be nothing less than moral irresponsibility to look our children in the eye and say to them, that they should continue to shoulder our burdens because we do not have the guts to do what is right.

Mr. Speaker, the President has two clear choices. He can choose a balanced budget and secure a brighter future for all Americans, or he can choose a dark future for our families and our children.

MR. JONES AND THE SPEAKER

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, how many more times do the Members of this House and the public have to pick up the newspaper and see a new ethical transgression by the Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH? Once again, we are treated in the Wall Street Journal to NEWT GINGRICH mixing campaign contributions, private interests, and public service. We now see that Mr. Donald Jones served as an adviser to Mr. GINGRICH 2 or 3 hours a day to interpret the telecommunications bill to him while he gave Mr. GINGRICH, his PAC gave the Republican Party \$125,000, \$25,000 to the Gingrich PAC.

It turns out that, not only did Mr. Jones have a financial interest in the outcome of the telecommunications bill, he was sitting in the Speaker's office, but also when many of us were startled when the Speaker took a position against the cyberporn portions of the telecommunications bill to protect children from pornography. We now find out that Mr. Jones had a financial interest in the telecommunications company that was dealing with pornography and adult films. Mr. Jones said

he did not know. Forty percent of his income from that company came from pornography. Mr. Speaker, clean up your office.

THE MOST INVESTIGATED ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, just when we thought that the poor judgment or the ethical standards of the Clinton administration could not get any worse, along comes the revelation yesterday that Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary paid \$43,000 in taxpayers' money to compile what amounts to an enemies list. For that, the Secretary should resign immediately.

Secretary O'Leary joins a long list of other Clinton administration figures who have helped make this probably the most investigated administration in history: Deputy Attorney General Webb Hubbell, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy, Secretary of HUD, Henry Cisneros, Treasury official Jean Hansen, White House lawyers William Kennedy and Bernie Nussbaum and resident egghead Ira Magaziner, the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Roger Altman, not to mention White Whitewater. And who can forget poor Josh Steiner, the former Treasury official who testified that he lied to his own diary. Perhaps most important and embarrassing is the unprecedented legal defense fund for a sitting President.

Yet this same administration has the nerve to lecture us about balancing the budget.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority want to shut down Government because they cannot pass their bill that is loaded up like a Christmas tree. They have not passed the majority of the appropriations bills, and they are over 40 days late.

So what are we going to see? Social Security claims will not be paid. Veterans' benefit checks delayed. National parks closed.

The Republican majority has told the President and the American people, it is our way or no way. Well, the voters sent the message last Tuesday and by the polls show that by 2 to 1 they are rejecting the Republican extremism.

We support a balanced budget, but not at the expense of cutting Medicare, education funds, and student loans.

LAY ASIDE GIMMICKS

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, our opponents like to come to the floor and say the most outrageous things about what is going on here in Congress. Over and over we hear words such as extremists, zealots, and terrorists. This from the same party who constantly demand civility in public life.

Now, many on the other side know that we have to get control of the budget. Many of them have voted for a balanced budget amendment. In their heart of hearts, they know we have to balance the budget. But, unfortunately, most of our opponents lack the basic will to say "no." They would rather go on spending more and more taxpayer dollars on inefficient programs than lose the support of a particular liberal special interest group.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to lay aside the excuses and the gimmicks and all the talk about extremist and zealots. Let us balance the budget. It is the right thing to do for the American people and the future of this great Nation. Let's just do it.

MORE ON GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, regrettably on Tuesday I think the unthinkable may well happen. That is, first of all, the shutdown of the Federal Government. It did not have to be this way. Nor did it have to be that the Nation's economy would needlessly be endangered by a possible default on the debt ceiling.

There ought to be two bills passed here that are called clean. One that simply extends the funding for the Federal Government for another couple of weeks while negotiations on a balanced budget take place, and the second bill, a clean bill, simply permits the Government to continue borrowing to pay back bills, not future spending.

But regrettably, because extremists in this House have insisted on loading on unacceptable provisions such as an increase in Medicare part B premiums and other provisions, these will have to be vetoed. The President will really have no choice and so we have come to this crunch.

Thousands of Federal employees in West Virginia and the eastern panhandle and across the Nation will be furloughed. Millions of citizens will be inconvenienced as Government services are shut down and, worst of all, by taking them hostage, the economy of this country can be endangered.

It does not have to be this way, Mr. Speaker, nor should it be.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to clause 5 of

rule I, the pending business is the question de novo of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 299, nays 84, answered "present" 1, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 782]		
YEAS—299		
Andrews	Deal	Houghton
Archer	DeFazio	Hoyer
Armey	DeLauro	Hunter
Bachus	DeLay	Hutchinson
Baesler	Dellums	Hyde
Baker (CA)	Deutsch	Inglis
Baker (LA)	Diaz-Balart	Istook
Baldacci	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Ballenger	Doggett	Johnson (CT)
Barr	Dooley	Johnson (SD)
Barrett (WI)	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Dornan	Jones
Barton	Doyle	Kanjorski
Bass	Dreier	Kasich
Beilenson	Duncan	Kelly
Bentsen	Dunn	Kennedy (MA)
Bereuter	Edwards	Kennelly
Berman	Ehlers	Kildee
Bevill	Ehrlich	Kim
Bilbray	Emerson	King
Bilirakis	Engel	Kingston
Bliley	English	Klecza
Boehlert	Eshoo	Klink
Boehner	Evans	Knollenberg
Bonilla	Ewing	Kolbe
Bono	Fattah	LaHood
Brewster	Fawell	Lantos
Browder	Flake	Largent
Brown (OH)	Foley	LaTourette
Brownback	Ford	Laughlin
Bryant (TN)	Fowler	Lazio
Bryant (TX)	Fox	Leach
Bunn	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (KY)
Bunning	Frelinghuysen	Lightfoot
Burr	Frisa	Lincoln
Burton	Funderburk	Linder
Callahan	Galleghy	Lipinski
Calvert	Ganske	Livingston
Camp	Gejdenson	LoBiondo
Canady	Gekas	Lofgren
Castle	Geren	Lowe
Chabot	Gilcrest	Lucas
Chambliss	Gilman	Luther
Chapman	Gonzalez	Manton
Chenoweth	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Christensen	Goodling	Martini
Chrysler	Gordon	Mascara
Clayton	Goss	Matsui
Clement	Graham	McCarthy
Clinger	Green	McCollum
Coble	Greenwood	McCrery
Collins (GA)	Gunderson	McDade
Collins (IL)	Hall (TX)	McHale
Collins (MI)	Hamilton	McInnis
Combest	Hancock	McIntosh
Condit	Hansen	McKeon
Conyers	Hastert	McKinney
Cooley	Hastings (WA)	McNulty
Coyne	Hayes	Meehan
Cramer	Hayworth	Metcalf
Crapo	Herger	Meyers
Cremins	Hobson	Mica
Cubin	Hoekstra	Miller (FL)
Cunningham	Hoke	Minge
Danner	Holden	Mink
Davis	Horn	Moakley
de la Garza	Hostettler	Molinari

Mollohan	Reed	Smith (TX)
Montgomery	Regula	Smith (WA)
Moorhead	Rivers	Solomon
Moran	Roberts	Souder
Morella	Roemer	Spence
Murtha	Rogers	Spratt
Myers	Rohrabacher	Stearns
Myrick	Ros-Lehtinen	Stokes
Nethercutt	Roth	Stump
Neumann	Roukema	Talent
Ney	Roybal-Allard	Tate
Norwood	Royce	Tauzin
Nussle	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Obey	Sanders	Thomas
Oliver	Sanford	Thornberry
Ortiz	Sawyer	Tiahrt
Oxley	Saxton	Torres
Packard	Scarborough	Upton
Pallone	Schaefer	Vento
Parker	Schiff	Vucanovich
Pastor	Schumer	Waldholtz
Paxon	Seastrand	Walker
Payne (VA)	Sensenbrenner	Walsh
Pelosi	Serrano	Ward
Petri	Shadegg	Watts (OK)
Pomeroy	Shaw	Weldon (FL)
Porter	Shays	White
Portman	Sisisky	Wicker
Pryce	Skean	Wyden
Quinn	Skelton	Wynn
Rahall	Slaughter	Young (FL)
Ramstad	Smith (MI)	Zeliff
Rangel	Smith (NJ)	

NAYS—84

Abercrombie	Gillmor	Payne (NJ)
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Pombo
Allard	Gutknecht	Poshard
Barcia	Hall (OH)	Rush
Becerra	Hastings (FL)	Sabo
Bishop	Hefley	Schroeder
Bonior	Hefner	Scott
Brown (CA)	Heineman	Skaggs
Brown (FL)	Hilleary	Stenholm
Clay	Hilliard	Stockman
Clyburn	Hinchey	Stupak
Coburn	Jacobs	Tanner
Coleman	Jefferson	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Thompson
Crane	Kennedy (RI)	Thurman
Darbin	Latham	Torkildsen
Ensign	Levin	Trafigant
Everett	Lewis (GA)	Velazquez
Fazio	Longley	Visclosky
Filner	Maloney	Wamp
Flanagan	Markey	Waters
Foglietta	McDermott	Watt (NC)
Forbes	Meek	Whitfield
Franks (CT)	Menendez	Wise
Frost	Miller (CA)	Wolf
Furse	Neal	Woolsey
Gephardt	Oberstar	Yates
Gibbons	Orton	Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—48

Barrett (NE)	Kaptur	Rose
Bateman	Klug	Shuster
Blute	LaFalce	Stark
Borski	Lewis (CA)	Studds
Boucher	Martinez	Tejeda
Buyer	McHugh	Thornton
Cardin	Mfume	Torricelli
Cox	Nadler	Towns
Dickey	Owens	Tucker
Dingell	Peterson (FL)	Volkmer
Dixon	Peterson (MN)	Waxman
Farr	Pickett	Weldon (PA)
Fields (LA)	Quillen	Weller
Fields (TX)	Radanovich	Williams
Frank (MA)	Richardson	Wilson
Johnston	Riggs	Young (AK)

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Mr. WAMP changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I would be more than happy to yield to my colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER], if he could indicate to our colleagues what we are about to engage in today. Members are seeking leadership.

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman will yield, I am happy to inform my friend that we are about to embark on debate on the rule for the continuing resolution, and we hope that we can move quickly through that, have a vote, and then proceed with the continuing resolution. Then we will proceed with the rule on the debt-ceiling increase, move through that quickly, and then have a vote.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Does the gentleman assume these efforts will be to send directly to the President the product of the Senate, or are we going to conference on these matters?

Mr. DREIER. I am not in a position to answer that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Is there anyone on the gentleman's side who could tell us? We just simply, for purposes of Members' schedules, wanted to know whether we were going to try to send to the President the product of today's efforts, or whether we are simply going back to conference on these matters.

Mr. DREIER. To whom would my friend like to yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I would be more than happy to yield.

Mr. DREIER. To whom would he like to yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I would be more than happy to yield to anyone who could tell us.

The gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. ISTOOK] perhaps?

Mr. DREIER. I do not know if he is on the floor. That was the schedule we have right now. I know there are Members anxious to get home for this very important local day. If we could proceed with consideration of this rule, we will get started.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We will be more than happy to proceed.

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman will yield further, I have just been informed here that we are going to be doing the rules back to back, and then we will take up the continuing resolution on the debt ceiling, following consideration of both.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Would it be possible for the leadership to inform us after the two rules are dealt with as to what the intention of the majority is?

Mr. DREIER. We will look forward to the gentleman's inquiry at that time.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We look forward to the gentleman's response.